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STORING SYSTEM ANALYSIS PROGRAM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: MAIL STOP AF

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action malled September 13, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on December 13, 2004. This Amendment is timely filed via certificate of facsimile on December 13, 2004.

Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested, because they clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.